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9 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 9 December 1965

25X1 [] of OCI with support from [] of DD/P gave a background 25X1
briefing on certain weapons--both U. S. and Communist--being employed
in Vietnam. The weapons being employed were displayed.

DD/I reported that Robert Bowie of the Harvard Center for Inter-
national Affairs has begun part-time work under State Department
auspices reviewing U. S. foreign policy objectives covering the next
decade. Bowie has asked DD/I to meet with him to discuss certain in-
telligence aspects of Bowie's study.

DD/I tabled a preliminary memo by ORR on the use of Sihanoukville
port by ChiCom shipping. Such shipping is not in great volume. DD/I
said he had asked ORR to begin preparing a capability study to show the
use to which Cambodia could be put by the ChiComs in supplying the
battlefronts of Vietnam. The study may take two to three weeks.

DD/I tabled a memo prepared by ORR and OSI on the work being
done by the Soviets in peaceful uses of atomic energy.

DD/I noted that an updated NIS chapter on the Soviet Merchant
Marine has recently been published.

R. J. Smith reported on the announced downgrading of Shelepin's
organization. DD/I noted that efforts are under way to provide collec-
tion guidance to the Community on information pertaining to the Soviet
leadership.

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Kent reported the status of the draft SNIE on Vietnam to be dis-
cussed at USIB tomorrow. There are a number of dissenting footnotes.
In answer to DCI's inquiry Kent explained that there are several para-
graphs in the revised draft dealing with the likely nature of any ChiCom
intervention.

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25X1 DD/S reported the opening of a new parking lot in the Headquarters area with space for 1,000 cars. Parking facilities will now permit parking for some [REDACTED]

DD/S reported that a list is circulating to all agencies in the Community setting forth the number of documents by agency theoretically compromised by Sergeant Johnson. Damage assessments from each of the agencies involved have been requested by 7 January.

The Inspector General reported that four of his inspectors have returned from a nine-week inspection of WE stations and have now begun their survey in the WE Headquarters Division.

25X1 The Inspector General noted that five representatives from Dr. [REDACTED]'s office have been cleared. The IG will meet with Dr. [REDACTED] next week before naming two of these five men to join with us in a survey of the Agency's procurement programs.

Houston reported that, following his recent trip through the Far East, Representative Teague will for the first time in ten years vote in favor of foreign aid programs. Teague was impressed by our people abroad.

Chamberlain for DD/S&T reported that CORONA [REDACTED], originally scheduled for launch yesterday, is now scheduled for lift-off today. He also reported on various U-2 and drone reconnaissance missions in Cuba and Southeast Asia yesterday. He noted that reconnaissance weather for China is poor. He reported on activities at [REDACTED]

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DD/P suggested that DCI send a thank-you note to Secretary Rusk for the Secretary's favorable remarks about the Agency in a news conference last week. It was noted that there was little press reporting of the Secretary's remarks. DCI agreed with this suggestion.

DD/P noted that use of the Agency's Roadwatch teams in direct interdiction operations against the roads through Laos would intensify Communist security and lessen intelligence collected by the Roadwatch teams. (See Action 2)

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DD/P noted the briefing of Representative Lipscomb and staff member Michaels by [redacted]

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DD/P referred to a [redacted] concerning Russian policy in the sub-continent. The Soviets are said to be intent on trying to wean Pakistan away from both the United States and Communist China. Implicit in this is a threat to [redacted]

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DD/P described a plan which is intended to cool off various African governments hostile to Rhodesia. Thought is being given to having Ian Smith invite UK troops into the crucial dam site area to ensure protection.

DCI noted information he received from a representative of the [redacted] in Saigon. The view of South Vietnamese businessmen is that the Chinese Communists are ill-prepared for war and are merely bluffing with their threatening gestures in the SEA area.

ACTIONS:

1. Upon being informed of the status of efforts to improve the Armed Forces Courier System to enhance security, DCI requested that an interim report on this subject be given to USIB next week. (DD/S)

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2. Noting that it is virtually certain that there will be a major effort soon to reduce the effects of Communist supply efforts via roads running through Laos, DCI asked DD/P to consider a training program to permit the use of Roadwatch teams to employ beacons and communications equipment in support of air operations against road traffic. (DD/P - Status report by 3 January)

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